

# Native Ministry

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Why?

# Native American and First Nations Facts

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- About 700,000 American Indians (one-third) live on the 334 reservations in the United States. Half on those are on the ten largest reservations
- In the 2011 Census of Canada, 1,400,685 people self-identified as Aboriginal
- Reservations vary in size, proximity to urban centers, economics, cultural beliefs and language

# Native Americans and Poverty

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- In 2010, the poverty rate on reservations was 28.4% or about double the poverty rate for the general population in the US
- An estimated 43% of Navajos on the reservation live below the federal poverty line with an average per capita income of \$7300, as compared to the US average of \$43,000
- 40% of homes on the Navajo reservation lack electricity
- 10,000 people live on the Navajo reservation without running water
- 97% of the population at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota live below the federal poverty line.

# Native Americans and Health

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- Death rate due to heart disease on Pine Ridge is twice the national average
- According to the Indian Health Service, natives between the ages of 15 and 24 are committing suicide at a rate 3.5 times that of other Americans. That number is rising as the epidemic continues.
- Among First Nations and Inuit youth in Canada the suicide rate is 5 times higher than the general population
- Type 2 Diabetes rate among the First Nations peoples of Canada is 3 – 5 times higher than the general Canadian population
- Obesity is on the rise

# Adventist Resources

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- American Indian Living Magazine
- American Indian Living Radio
- Native New Day Bible Studies and videos
- Native New Health videos
- Native New Life discipleship videos
- Natives With a Mission
- Radiant Living
- New website about to go live



# Join Us in 10 Days of Prayer

All around the world, Seventh-day Adventist churches are experiencing the renewal of the Holy Spirit by following the disciples' example and participating in Ten Days of Prayer.

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## How we serve

- Development of financial resources
- Bringing awareness to the NAD of the challenges of reaching the Native peoples of our territory
- Producing resources for reaching native peoples or promoting existing materials that have been produced by entities already engaged in this work
- Coordinating efforts of the many ministries engaged in Native Ministries
- Developing relationships with leaders in the tribes of North America



## Resources

- Moccasin News—a newsletter for Native Ministries produced by the Native Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist® Church in Canada
- Native New Health DVDs—available from Native Ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist® Church in Canada
- Native New Day Bible studies—available through the local Adventist Book Center
- Native New Health DVDs—available at [www.NativeNewHealth.ca](http://www.NativeNewHealth.ca)

## OUR MISSION

To enhance, support and coordinate with the existing Native Ministries, both denominationally operated and supporting ministries throughout the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

[Find out more](#)

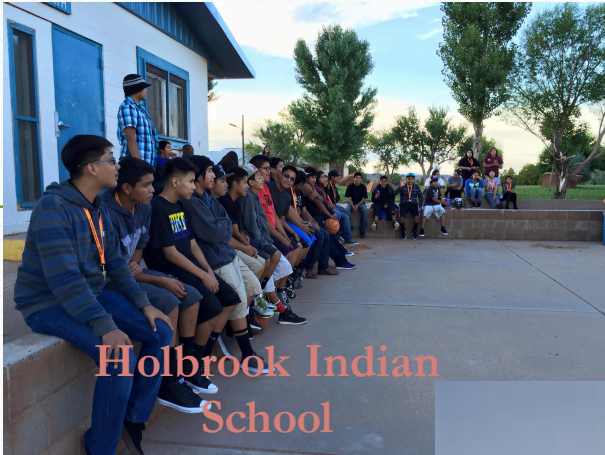
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# Native Schools



Holbrook Indian School



Maricopa Village Native School



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# What else can the Adventist Church do?

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- Identify and train Adventist students for work in health, education and evangelism on the reservation
- Name coordinators in our conferences and unions
- Discover the people in our fields who are already engaged
- We have begun to have our annual Native Ministry Advisory meetings at the location of the National Congress of American Indians.
  - They want to partner with us on health and education initiatives
- We need to build relationships with tribal leaders throughout the United States and Canada



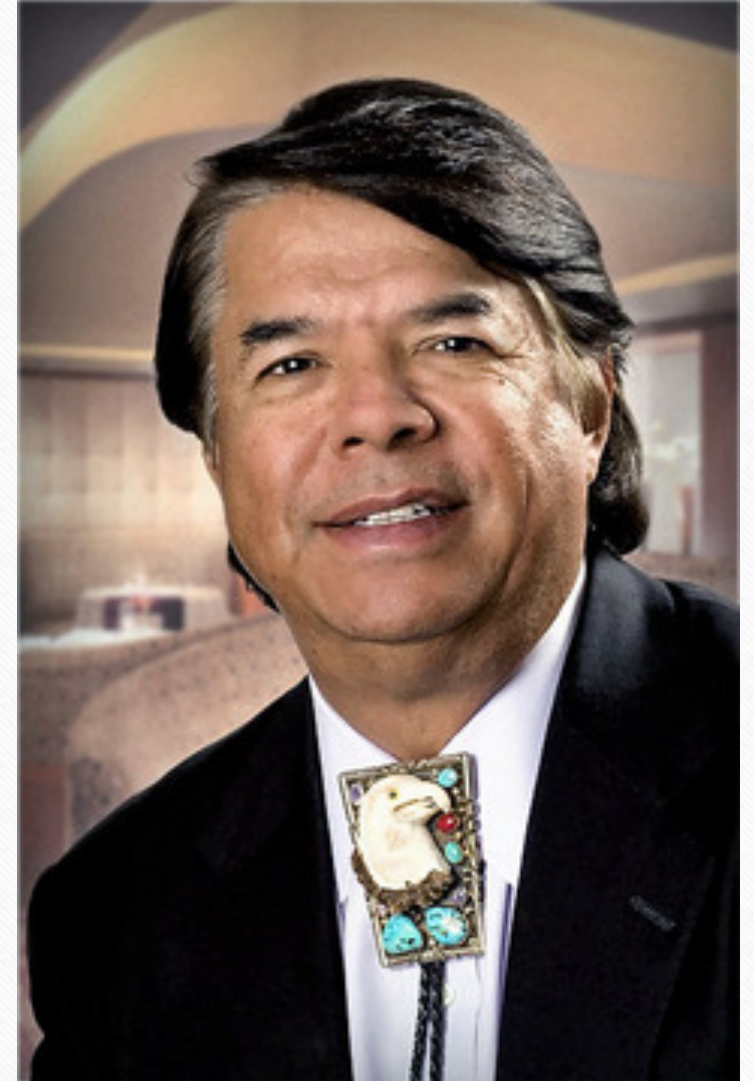
# Brian Cladoosby

- President of the National Congress of American Indians
- He has served as the Chairman of the Swinomish Indian Senate since 1997
- A member in the Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists



# Ray Halbritter

- Current Nation Representative and CEO of Oneida Nation Enterprises
- Publisher of Indian Country Today Media Network



# Union Native Ministry Directors

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- Ed Dunn – SDACC
- Fred Rogers – SWUC
- Gary Burns – LUC
- Arnold Trujillo – PUC
- Frank Bondurant – CUC
- Monte Church – NPUC
- AUC - TBA
- SUC - TBA
- Hubert Cisneros - MAUC

# Funding

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- The Native Ministry Advisory is grateful for the \$100,000 per year that is appropriated from the NAD budget
- Significant other funds have been raised through the years by Bob Burnette and others for Native Ministry
- The SDACC and the New York Conference have fulltime directors
- There are many who give for their local projects
- Significant funding for education from several unions and conferences

# Why address the reservations?

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- Because our Mission Statement is: “To reach North America and the world with the distinctive, Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist message of Hope and Wholeness.”
- Because we can bring a message and deeds of Hope and Wholeness to a distressed population